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1. FURTHER ARRESTS OCCURRED FEB 11 IN WAKE OF CONTINUED DEMONSTRATIONS BY EAST JERUSALEM YOUTH OVER COURT RULING CONCERNING JEWISH RIGHT TO PRAY ON TEMPLE MOUNT (HARAM ES-SHARIF). ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ABOUT 300 BOYS AND GIRLS RAN THROUGH STREETS OF OLD CITY WHEN THEY WERE DENIED ENTRY TO HARAM AREA. TWENTY-TWO AGED 14 TO 18 WERE ARRESTED (SIX RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING) WHEN THEY BEGAN STONING SHOPS THAT WOULD NOT HEED THEIR DEMAND TO CLOSE AS A SIGN OF PROTEST. MANY ARAB SHOPKEEPERS DID CLOSE BUT MORE AS PROTECTIVE MEASURE THAN IN SYMPATHY WITH DEMONSTRATORS.

2. ALTHOUGH JERUSALEM POST SAYS MUSLIM RELIGIOUS (WAQF) UNCLASSIFIED

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AUTHORITIES STOPPED DEMONSTRATORS FROM ENTERING HARAM AREA,

WAQF AUTHORITIES TELL US IT WAS ISRAELI POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES THAT DID SO. FIFTY YOUTHS WERE PERMITTED INTO HARAM IN TIME FOR NOON PRAYERS, AFTER WHICH DEMONSTRATIONS PETERED OUT. WE OBSERVED MANY SHOPS STILL CLOSED AT LUNCH TIME, BUT SOME RE-OPENED LATER.

3. AS ANTICIPATED, JERUSALEM DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILED APPEAL FEB 10 AGAINST VERDICT OF MAGISTRATE'S COURT THAT HAS GIVEN RISE TO SEVERAL DAYS OF DEMONSTRATIONS. COURT RULING WAS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH ACQUITTAL OF EIGHT YOUNG JEWS ARRESTED IN MAY 1975 WHEN THEY RESISTED POLICE EFFORTS TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THEM FROM PRAYING ON TEMPLE MOUNT.

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